## Have a Safe Summer!

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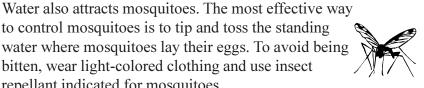


Teach children at an early age that fireworks are explosive devices, not toys. Left to professionals, fireworks can be a spectacular addition to holidays and celebrations, but in the hands of amateurs, fireworks can turn the festivities into tragedy.

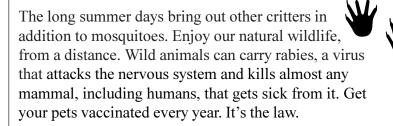




It's picnic season! To be safe, raw meat and poultry need to stay in a cooler with ice until thoroughly cooked. Keep all perishable foods, especially those made with raw eggs or mayonnaise, in the cooler as much as possible.



When grilling, remember that in Fairfax County, the only cooking devices permitted on apartment or condominium balconies are ones using either electric or natural gas as a fuel source and listed by a recognized testing authority. When barbecuing, keep the grill in a level position at all times. Douse the coals thoroughly with water after grilling, and never leave children or pets unattended near a hot grill.



Swimming is a great way to beat the heat. Never leave

you're not using them. Toys can attract young children

to the pool. All residential pools should be completely enclosed by a fence that stands at least 4 feet high.

children alone or out of eye contact while they are in

or near the water. Remove toys from the area when

to control mosquitoes is to tip and toss the standing

bitten, wear light-colored clothing and use insect

repellant indicated for mosquitoes.



Never leave children or pets unattended in a hot car. It can be fatal. Even with the windows slightly open, the temperature in a car on an 85-degree day can reach 102 degrees in ten minutes. In 30 minutes, the temperature can reach 120 degrees.

To curb the spread of many viruses, including summer colds, wash your hands often, with soap. When preparing food, wash your hands before you begin, and again after using the restroom, blowing your nose, coughing or using the telephone.



Kids can't fly! A summer breeze feels nice but remember to keep children away from open windows, even if they have screens. Every year hospitals treat many children who fall from windows, most of whom are under the age of 4.

When school's not in session, it is sometimes necessary to leave children unattended for short periods of time, although children 7 or younger should never be left unattended. Fairfax County's Child Protective Services offers guidelines on child supervision. See the box below for more information.



## Where to Go for More Summer Safety Tips



**Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Pubic Information and Life Safety Education** 703-246-3801, TTY 703-385-4419 www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire





**Fairfax County Health Department** 703-246-2411, TTY 703-591-6435 www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/hd

**Fairfax County Child Protective Services** 703-324-7400, TTY 703-222-9452 www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dfs/ChildrenYouth/ homealone.shtm

